

PROMINENT FRISCO

OFFICIAL IS DEAD

A. Hilton Dies in St. Louis Hospital After Nervous Breakdown.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—Alexander Hilton, vice president of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad, who has been suffering a nervous breakdown, died at the Frisco hospital here tonight. He was well known among railroad executives of the country and for years was a leading figure in the southwest in transportation circles.

Mr. Hilton was 57 years old. He entered the service of the Frisco in 1901, as general passenger agent and in 1919 was appointed passenger traffic manager. He recently was elected vice president in charge of both freight and passenger traffic.

Wife and Two Sons Survive.

He was born at Hamilton, Ont. He is survived by his widow and two sons. It was announced that the funeral would be held from the family home here Wednesday afternoon.

Hilton began his railroad career with the Great Western Railway as a clerk at Hamilton, Ont., in 1878. He went to Chicago as a clerk and later was appointed city passenger and ticket agent at Kansas City. He was general agent of the passenger department of the Chicago & Alton before entering the services of the Frisco.

He was recognized as one of the most progressive railroad passenger officials in the country and it was said to be due to him that railroads in the southwest spent large sums of money on improvements and gave careful attention to expansion. Through his efforts many settlers were brought to the Ozark region of Missouri, according to railroad officials.

YOUNG WIFE ATTEMPTS

SUICIDE

Mrs. Ross Walton, a young married woman living on Elm street in South Monett, attempted suicide Christmas day, by drinking carbolic acid, and is in a critical condition.

Mrs. Walton went to the home of a neighbor and picked up a bottle of the poison, taking it home with her. There she started to drink it, when her husband took the bottle from her. She had taken enough, however, to make her very sick, and the outcome is doubtful.

MRS. J. B. WHITE'S UNCLE DIES

Mrs. John B. White received a message Monday, telling of the death of her uncle, Manley Steele, who died at Marionville Christmas morning. Mr. and Mrs. White went to Marionville to attend the funeral which was held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

PROCURES NEW BONDSMAN

B. E. Biddlecome of near Wentworth, appeared before James P. Mead, United States commissioner, yesterday, with a bondsman to take the place of A. O. Williams, who asked to be released several days ago. Biddlecome is charged in a federal warrant with manufacturing intoxicating liquor. Emory C. Medlin of Monett is his new bondsman.—Joplin Globe.

Mrs. S. J. Woolsey is critically ill with rheumatism and complications.

Arthur Erwin went to Cassville Tuesday morning on business.

Alex Spear went to Harrison, Ark., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Reed of Kansas City, are visiting Mrs. Reed's mother, Mrs. Laura Tritton.

Mrs. Walter Draper, of Joplin, visited Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Olla Boynton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. McCaslin spent Christmas with relatives at Coyville, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shaffer spent Sunday and Monday in Springfield with relatives.

Mrs. E. E. Johnson received the chafing dish given away by Shadel and Ashby Saturday night. Her number was 1505.

G. W. Finn and family and Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Willey went to Seligman Sunday to witness the ravages made by the fire.

The Times is indebted to Judge G. W. Finn for details of the Seligman fire. Judge Finn formerly lived at Seligman and drove to the city as soon as he heard of the disaster.

Miss Emma Kalt, who works in a Frisco office at Tulsa, Okla., spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Louisa Kalt and her brothers, Carl and Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clutter entertained at dinner Monday, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fleming, Miss Bertha Fleming and Mrs. Nellie Jones, of Kings Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wallen and Miss Bernice Wallen will leave tonight for Columbia, where they will remain for several months. Miss Bernice will take a course in agriculture at the University.

WHEATON BRIEFS

Sterling Bennett moved this week to the Bill Hankins place south of here. Mr. Hankins recently moved to Peirce City.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Freeman of Tulsa came in Thursday for a visit to relatives and friends in this vicinity. Nora Haynes and Alfred Savage visited with Amelia Jensch Wednesday night.

J. A. Heard who is attending Washington University at St. Louis is visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Nora Haynes, Amelia Jensch, Mattie Haynes, Ruby Savage and Messrs. Alfred Savage, Clark Haynes, Everett Cooper and Frank Rainey attended church in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Maness who are attending school at Pittsburg, Kansas, came Thursday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Mattie Haynes and Everett Cooper accompanied by Miss Nora Haynes and Gaylord Gardner went to Cassville Saturday, while there Miss Haynes and Mr. Cooper were married, when they returned home a supper was served to about 35 guests. We wish the young married couple a long and prosperous life together.

Miss Amelia Jensch was pleasantly surprised Christmas day when her friends and relatives gave her a surprise dinner on her birthday.

W. A. Davidson went to St. Louis Tuesday for a few days on a business trip.

Bill Dopp lost a money sack containing about sixty three dollars one day this week, the sack was found by Joe Frazier where Mr. Dopp had dropped it in the store.

Clark Haynes returned Saturday morning from Fairview and visited Amelia Jensch.

The Daugherty Realty Company closed a deal this week in which Frank Chase of Bethpage exchanged a farm near Exeter for the Washburn mill.

Fay Gilman and Otho Duncan arrived from Columbia to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper was given a charivari Christmas night, Mr. Cooper received a nice cool bath.

MENDON

Mrs. B. C. Wolfe and daughters spent Christmas with E. Spilman and family.

Ollie Rausch spent Sunday with George Krueger.

Nick Wolfe, who attends school at Rolla, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. B. C. Wolfe and family.

Mrs. August Krueger spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Arnold of Butterfield: and Sunday attended dinner given by her sister Mrs. A. A. Graves. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wallace of Cassville, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Purdy, Mrs. Graves of Exeter, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Arnold, Elzer Arnold, Loren Wilson, Novitta and Herschel Wallace.

Mrs. Fred Wolfe and children went to Cassville Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Homer Wormington and children of Miller are spending a few days with her mother Mrs. John Thomas.

Miss Alice Planchon and Mrs. Mat. Anderson visited Mendon school Friday.

Mrs. D. W. Lilley and children, of Enid, Okla., are visiting Mrs. Lilley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hagan.

Miss Ursula Burns, of Springfield, is the guest of Miss Helen McKee this week.

Judge G. W. Finn went to Cassville Wednesday morning to attend county court, of which he is a member.

Mrs. Frank Vinson and son Roger went to Rogers, Ark., Tuesday, to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Salzer went to Springfield Wednesday morning to visit a few days with friends.

Mrs. E. L. Harvey of Dallas, Texas is visiting her daughter Mrs. Earl Augur.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gladden, of Kansas City, were in Monett a short time Monday morning on their way to Seligman.

Mrs. R. C. Farrow went to Wichita, Kansas, Saturday night, to visit her brother, V. E. Clinton and family. She is expected home Wednesday night.

Miss Velma Thomas, of Springfield, came home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmun Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Breese and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned home Monday night from a visit at Springfield. Chas. Ellis returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Squibb and son went to Republic Saturday evening to spend Christmas with Mr. Squibb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Squibb and with Mrs. Squibb's mother, Mrs. A. A. Pearce. They returned home Monday evening.

BOY KILLED WHILE HUNTING

John Casper, 17 Years Old, Shot by Accidental Discharge of Gun Of His Cousin.

John Casper, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Casper, of Stones Prairie, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his cousin, Emmet Calhoun, of Kansas City, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The boys with three other young men were out hunting on Sunday afternoon. In some manner the gun which the Calhoun boy carried was accidentally discharged, the shot striking John Casper in the back of the head. Death was instantaneous. The boys were about a mile from the Casper home when the accident occurred. Dr. Kelley of Purdy was summoned, but life was already extinct.

The young man was the only son of his parents. They have nine daughters.

Funeral services will be held at Stones Prairie Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon.

SOLID FOUNDATIONS

Funny thing about the lasting qualities in people. Sometimes you meet a man or woman who is sparkling with wit, abounding in enthusiasm, overflowing with good humor and you are inclined to classify them in the niche a little above the average man or woman. They somehow seem a bit superior. But as the weeks and months pass and you learn to know them better you discover the glitter is not gold but gilt. They lack solidity of character, of design, of intention.

People who turn casual acquaintances into friends and admirers and keep them friends and admirers invariably have a "solid" foundation for their personalities. They have a philosophy of life that holds them pretty surely on the beaten track of common-sense decency and right. They are not paragons, but neither are they pagans. They are tolerant of other people's faults and appreciative of other people's virtues. They think for themselves, but never let the habit lead them into a bolshevik repudiation of long established moral standards, just because they are long established. They swerve but they do not go off at tangents. They slip but do not fall. They are momentarily defeated but they always come back. And when you try to analyze them, to pick them to pieces to discover just what it is they have that some other people do not have, you inevitably come to the conclusion it is, after all, a very simple thing: judgment. They seem to have an intuitive ability to guess right about conduct, an ability that must come in part from acquired knowledge, but that also is akin to the intuitive ability of birds to fly and of ducks to swim.—Joplin Globe.

You say you have no enemies. If this is a fact, then you should be ashamed of yourself, for you have never stood up for right against wrong; you have never protected the weak against the bully; you have never even dared to protect your own rights against persecution; says the Humphrey, Neb., Democrat. Had you done these things you would have made enemies. Even if you had done none of these things, but achieved a little more success in your business than your neighbor, if your children were a little brighter in school or a little better behaved out of school, you would have made enemies, for failure hates success. The man who has no enemies should be ashamed of himself.—Kansas City Journal.

Everything comes to an end sometime—even our Ozark balmy weather.

When you're cross, people can't always tell the difference between hate and just irritation.—Globe-Democrat.

Genius is often just patient study and concentration.

Carthage and Aurora are talking about a branch grape juice factory for their towns. The proposed grape juice factory should come to Monett, which is the ideal location. A large acreage of Concordis will help bring it here.

O. P. Pitts and family 102 Walnut street, are all sick with the grip.

Dr. Ida B. Johnson went to Siloam Springs, Ark., to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Gray is very low at the home of his son, Will Gray, on Marshall Hill.

Mrs. L. E. Schisler of Blackburn, Okla., arrived Thursday evening to visit her mother, Mrs. Catherine Carey and other relatives in the city. Mr. Schisler will join her in a week.

Miss Vera Feist, teacher in the Joplin public schools, will arrive home tonight to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Feist.

Lewis Wilhelm, student at the School of Mines at Rolla, came home Friday morning, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. C. Wilhelm.

Living With Her New Daddy Now —THE KAISER



Here is Princess Henriette at play on the grounds of her new daddy's exiled retreat at Doorn, Holland. She is the youngest daughter of the former kaiser's new bride.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS SANG

One of the most beautiful customs is that of singing the Christmas carols. The custom is an old one and has been handed down to us through many centuries for generation after generation. The music is entirely sacred and sung at Christmas time—preferably Christmas eve—in celebration of the birth of Christ. Such Christmas carols, as well as the more secular classes of music, always of a joyous nature, have long been popular among the people of many nations.

In America the custom, no doubt, has been borrowed from "Ye Merrie Englands," brought here by the Puritans, and sung in our New England states each succeeding Christmas season, the music center being Boston. The New Englander looks upon the Christmas carol and the candles burning in the window as a permanent institution, which is truly a heritage handed down to them by their forefathers. New England people are correct in their opinions and they come by the custom honestly, because there is no other that expresses that joyous exuberant Christmas feeling than the Christmas carols sung to commemorate the birth of Christ by this appropriate seasonal music.

The Methodist Episcopal church of Monett has declared herself an exponent of this fine and beautiful Christmas custom. Sponsored by the Sunday school class, of which Mrs. Whitlatch is teacher, a group of real earnest and enthusiastic students introduced the idea to the people of Monett. In every home where a candle was burning this group gathered and sang several selections of Christmas carols, well known to every music lover of the town.

It may be interesting to know what music is classed as carols and sung at the Yuletide season. There are an unlimited number; but perhaps a few of the following will exemplify these seasonal songs:—God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; Good King Wenceslas; We three Kings of Orient Are; O Come, all Ye Faithful; Shepherds, Shake off Your Drowsy Sleep, and scores of others.

At a very early hour on Christmas morning, the Sunday school class was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watson, whose daughter Ruth is a member of the class. Mrs. Watson was a very charming hostess and served an appropriate lunch, which was in accordance with the spirit of the season.

The carolers were Misses Dorothy Bickel, Anna Mae Jerome, Ruth Watson, Gladys Jeffries, Mrs. Ruth Rogers Sizer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stern Helm, Frank Williams, Lon Pratt, Dan Taylor, Lloyd McKinney and Arthur Smith.

J. P. McClure and family, of Purdy, visited relatives here Sunday evening.

Miss Marguerite Frossard went to Springfield to spend the day Friday.

Harold Randall of Springfield visited with friends in the city Friday morning.

Rev. Theodore Harvey went to Everton, Mo., Friday morning, to fill his regular appointment.

Mrs. H. B. Westenhaver and Miss Opal Kring were shopping in Springfield today.

Miss Martha Higgins departed Wednesday evening for Mulhall, Okla., to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. H. B. Ollinger.

MRS. ROGERS GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very delightful Christmas party was given by Mrs. William E. Rogers at Callamora, the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fielding P. Sizer, Tuesday afternoon. The party was in honor of Miss Norine Wilson, of Kingman, Kansas. On account of there being so many students home from college, the party was a most enjoyable affair.

All through the house were lavish decorations of mistletoe and other seasonal decorations, which gave an atmosphere that was becoming to the Christmas season. Huge bouquets of royal poinsettias, interspersed with asparagus fern, served as centerpieces.

In the fore part of the afternoon the guests amused themselves by playing progressive Rook, there being five tables. Judging from the shrieks of laughter, there was no question that the guests were enjoying themselves and that the games were exciting and extremely interesting.

Dinner was served at 5 o'clock, the menu being as follows:

Grape Fruit
Creamed Young Fowl
Chicken Dressing
Stuffed Celery Hearts
Baked Potatoes, Asparagus Creamed
Assorted Nuts
Pear Salad Cranberry Squares
Jello Plum Pudding
Coffee Candy

The local guests were Mrs. E. W. Russey, Mrs. S. F. Wilmoshir, Mrs. J. S. Helm, Mrs. Floyd Huffman, Mrs. H. A. Gardner, Mrs. Ruth Sizer Rogers, Mrs. Byron Vaughan, Misses Ruth Watson, Ruby Waite, Gladys Jeffries, Mildred Callaway, Lois Wright and Elizabeth Kersey. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. F. E. Engleman, of Nevada; Miss Norine Wilson, of Kingman, Kansas; Miss Grace Newman, Cassville, and Mrs. H. I. Bradford, Peirce City.

CLASS OF 1919 HOLDS REUNION

The class of 1919 of Monett high school held a class reunion at the Broadway hotel Tuesday evening. At 7 o'clock a delicious three course dinner was served to the following: Misses Ruby Waite, Winnie Taylor, Gladys Jeffries, Mrs. Ruth Sizer Rogers, Mrs. Gladys Solomon, Clyde Combs, George Reynaud, Henry Lautaret, John McCurry and Neal Gillette. Theodore Harvey, of Liberty failed to get here in time as his train was delayed.

Following the dinner the party went to the home of Miss Ruby Waite, where a very pleasant social evening was spent. They were joined at Miss Waite's by Mrs. Clyde Combs, Leslie Mason and Lloyd McKinney.

A CHRISTMAS DANCE

Misses Frances Heyburn and Helen McKee entertained with a Christmas dance Tuesday night at the home of Miss McKee. The rooms were beautifully decorated with red cornucopias, ferns and mistletoe. A buffet luncheon was served at the close of the evening.

The guests were Misses Ruth Cole, Rose and Lillian Smith, Margaret Walsh, Mary Heyburn, Isabel Dwyer, Marie Ryan, Josephine Martin, Elizabeth Kersey, Anna Mulloy and Miss Ursula Burns, of Springfield; Messrs. Treava Lea, Joseph Kane, Myron Dunlap, Fred Dwyer, Earl Wagner, Fielding Sizer, Paul Matthews, Russell Cole, Paul Smith and Harry Manlove, of Columbia.

L. R. Bixler, of St. Louis, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Joel J. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hudson visited relatives in Cassville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gardner visited at Cassville Sunday.

T. J. Purnell is at home to spend the holidays with his wife.

Arthur Erwin went to Cassville to look after business matters, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Higgins and son left Friday morning for Chaffee, Mo., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Joe A. Jackson left Thursday morning for Harrison, Ark., to visit his son Leslie Jackson.

Ed Witt went to Peirce City, Thursday morning, to spend the day with his parents.

Miss Ruth Chappel of Oilton, Okla., will come Friday evening to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. E. P. Bridwell and family.

A. W. Thomas and his sister Mrs. Dora Bunch left Thursday morning for Hubert, Okla., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wormington and daughter Deane, of Neosho, spent Sunday and Monday with J. H. Wormington and family.

Miss Jane Kenney, nurse at St. Anthony's hospital at Oklahoma City arrived Thursday morning to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kenney. She went to Aurora Friday morning to spend the day with her sister Mrs. Jacob Mangrich.

SELIGMAN BUSINESS SECTION BURNS

Eleven Business Houses are Destroyed Valued at \$65,000, with Only \$15,200 Insurance.

The business section of Seligman, a town of 800 inhabitants, south of Monett on the Frisco and the M. & N. A. Railroads, was almost totally destroyed by fire about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The estimated loss is \$39,500 on buildings and \$25,000 on stock and furniture. Of this loss insurance covered only \$15,200. Eleven buildings were burned, of which six were frame and five were concrete, including the Gladden Hotel, known to the traveling public for many years as a hostelry for tourists and was one of the best small town hotels in this section. Mrs. Lucy Gladden was the owner.

The fire started in the Brink restaurant, the building of which was owned by Mrs. W. W. Frost. Neither Mr. Brink nor Mrs. Frost carried insurance. The origin is a mystery as the building is concrete and has a concrete floor, there being no wood in the building except the shelving and woodwork around the windows and doors. There had been no fire in the building. The fire swept both north and south, and was stopped at the Fawver hardware and furniture store by dynamiting a small building next to it.

Seligman having no fire department the citizens tried in vain to cope with the fire with buckets.

In the building next the Brink restaurant, where the fire started was B. P. Northcutt's dry goods store. Mr. Northcutt's loss was \$7,000, with only \$2,000 insurance. On the second floor of this building was Henry Bowman's rooming house. The inmates were cut off from the stairway by the fire and escape at the back by sliding down the posts of the back porch. E. A. Walker owned this building and carried \$5,500 insurance. In the same building was Hatfield's drug store, containing stock valued at \$4,000, with \$2,000 insurance.

The Hildreth Cafe building and stock, valued at \$6,000, was a total loss, with \$3,000 insurance. Carl Haneke had a general store in the next building. The building was valued at \$4,000 and carried \$1,000 insurance. His \$2,500 stock was insured for only \$700. Judge G. W. Finn was insurance agent for the building and this was the only loss Mr. Finn had in his company, although he has written insurance for a large amount of Seligman property.

As the flames were leaping over the top of Fawver's hardware and furniture store from the Haneke building, a barber shop between the buildings was dynamited. This jarred the Haneke building down and the wall of the Fawver building stopped the fire. The hardware store was badly damaged and the force of the explosion broke windows in the bank building, which was otherwise uninjured.

South from the restaurant where the fire started, Mrs. Gladden's frame hotel building and annex were totally destroyed. The hotel was well furnished with contents valued at \$4,000. The estimated value of the building was \$5,000. Mrs. Gladden carried \$3,000 insurance. She had been offered \$14,000 for the business at one time.

Mrs. Gladden awakened all her guests and they were able to get out all their clothing and baggage. After they had left the building, Mrs. Gladden remembered one old gentleman who had been boarding with her for a year, and whom she had not awakened. She returned to the burning building and had great difficulty in getting him awake in time to save his life. Mrs. Gladden lost nearly all her personal belongings.

A large wooden livery barn next the hotel was destroyed. R. D. Skelton was the proprietor. The building was owned by Fawver & Co., as were the other buildings on the south—Mrs. Delia Hudson's restaurant, a barber shop and a store room on the corner. None of these buildings was insured.

STRIBLING STORE BURGLARIZED
Someone broke into E. R. Stribling's store on Marshall Hill through the back window on Monday night and secured a lot of tobacco and pennies. It is thought to be the work of boys.

Dr. Searcy, of Exeter, was transacting business in Monett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gimson are visiting at Memphis, Tenn.

Frank Jones, of Kansas City is spending the holidays with Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clutter.

Mrs. J. R. Andrews went to Cassville Saturday evening, to visit relatives.

Mrs. Eldon Hall and baby daughter Virginia Jane of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills and babies of Sapulpa, Okla., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer, No. 309 Sixth street. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Mills are their daughters.